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Amendments to the Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous precursor ~~for~~ composition for forming a superabsorbent polymer ~~for coating cellulose articles~~ comprising:

- 1) an autocatalytic aqueous solution of water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor;
- 2) a binder; and
- 3) an optional viscosity modifying agent;

wherein said aqueous composition is free of crosslinking agents autocatalytic.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the viscosity of said aqueous precursor composition is less than about 500 centipoise at 20° C.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the viscosity of said aqueous precursor composition is less than about 50 centipoise at 20° C.

5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said aqueous precursor composition has a shelf-life of between about 6 to about 12 months.

6. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor is a water-soluble polyacrylate.

7. (Original) The composition is claim 6, wherein said water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor is in its anionic form as a salt of a corresponding alkali or alkali metal salt.

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